

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract of the Application, with the following rewritten

Abstract:

A positioning device for use in apparatus for treating sudden cardiac arrest in a patient in supine position by providing chest compressions at the lower end of the sternum prevents the apparatus from moving in a caudal direction. The apparatus ~~comprises~~ includes a frame enclosing the patient at a sternal transversal plane and a pneumatic compression/ decompression ~~means unit~~ mounted on the frame. The device ~~comprises~~ includes a flexible strap having a first end, a second end and a tensioning component ~~means~~ disposed between the first and second ends. First and second end portions of the strap ~~comprise means~~ include a mechanism for attachment to the apparatus. The flexible strap ~~means~~ has a mounted tensioned length sufficient to extend around the patient's neck. At least one of the end portions is releasably attached.